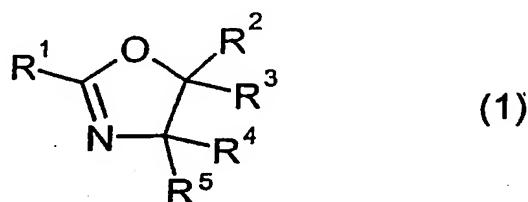


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5 1. A method for the preparation of esters from alcohols and olefinically unsaturated carboxylic acids by reacting an alcohol with an olefinically unsaturated carboxylic acid or a reactive derivative thereof, from 1 ppm to 1% by weight, based on the weight of the reaction mixture comprising alcohol and olefinically unsaturated carboxylic acid/carboxylic acid derivative, of at least
 10 one oxazoline of the formula 1



15 in which R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵, independently of one another, are hydrogen or hydrocarbon radicals having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ may be identical or different, being present.

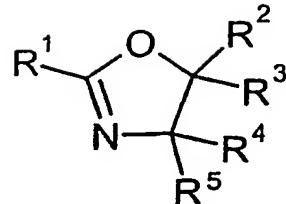
2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵, independently of one another, are hydrogen or methyl groups.

20 3. The method as claimed in claim 1 and/or 2, wherein
 R¹ is methyl
 R² and R³ are hydrogen
 R⁴ and R⁵ are hydrogen or methyl.

25 4. The method as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 3, wherein the oxazolines of the formula 1 are used in amounts of from 10 ppm to 0.5% by weight based on the reaction mixture comprising alcohol and carboxylic acid/carboxylic acid derivative.

30 5. The use of compounds of the formula 1

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in which R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 , in which R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 , independently of one another, are hydrogen or hydrocarbon radicals having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 may be identical or different, as stabilizers in the reaction between alcohols and olefinically unsaturated carboxylic acids or the reactive derivatives thereof, from 1 ppm to 1% by weight, based on the weight of the reaction mixture comprising alcohol and carboxylic acid/carboxylic acid derivative, of the compound of the formula 1 being used.

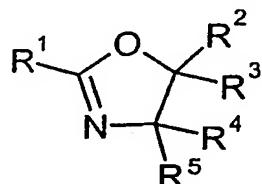
6. A composition comprising

- A) an alcohol
- B) an olefinically unsaturated carboxylic acid or a reactive derivative thereof,

the molar ratio A) : B) being from 1 : 0.2 to 1 : 15,
and

- C) 1 ppm at 1% by weight, based on the total weight of A) and B), of a compound of the formula 1

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in which R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 , independently of one another, are hydrogen or hydrocarbon radicals having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 may be identical or different.